

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will conduct a business meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, to mark up the committee's letter to the Senate Committee on the Budget containing the committee's budget views and estimates on the President's budget request for fiscal year 1997 for Indian programs. The business meeting-markup will be held at 9 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 25, 1996 on S. 1264, a bill to provide certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan Project to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and for other purposes. The hearing will be held at 9 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in open session, to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and the fiscal year 1997 budget request and Future Years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet during the Tuesday, April 16, 1996 session of the Senate for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board and the Pipeline Safety Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider S. 1646, a bill to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance safety, training; research and development,

and safety education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FEDERAL-TRIBAL NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise to inform my colleagues that later today I will ask their unanimous consent to hold at the desk and pass H.R. 3034, a measure that was passed by the House by consent. H.R. 3034 is identical to S. 1608, a measure I and Senator INOUE introduced on March 12, 1996. S. 1608 was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, which I chair.

My full statement explaining the bill appeared at page S1867 of the March 12 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. While I regret that it is necessary, I support the 60-day extension of authority to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations implementing the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994 under negotiated rulemaking procedures.

In the 1994 act, the Congress required the administration to involve the Indian tribes, under negotiated rulemaking procedures, in the development of these regulations within an 18-month period that expires on April 25, 1996. The pending bill would extend that period to June 25, 1996.

Many of the Indian tribes who have been involved in the negotiated rulemaking process have sought the extension in order to provide them adequate time to respond to the public comment received from the draft regulations published on January 24, 1996. The administration has joined them in requesting a 2-month extension to the 18-month period provided by the statute to promulgate regulations. Their request is worthy of support and I urge my colleagues to consent to its passage. •

CONGRATULATIONS CORNHUSKERS BASKETBALL

• Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to congratulate the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers Men's Basketball Team on their thrilling championship victory over St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania, 60 to 56, in the National Invitational Tournament, the

Nation's oldest postseason tournament, at Madison Square Garden on March 28. With their victory, the men's basketball team joins an impressive list of championship seasons this school year for UNL that already includes national champions in football and women's volleyball.

Coach Danny Nee and his players overcame considerable adversity this season, having entered the NIT with 10 losses in their last 11 games. But they defeated Colorado State, Washington State, Fresno State, and Tulane in route to the NIT final, and finished what could have been a disappointing season on a very successful note.

Mr. President, this is UNL's first ever basketball championship and although some may consider the NIT a second-tier tournament, only two teams in men's NCAA Division One basketball can end their season on a winning note. And I am proud to say, one of them this year is my Alma Mater—the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Congratulations to Coach Nee, senior guard and NIT MVP Erick Strickland, and the entire Cornhusker men's basketball team on a successful season and a terrific victory. Nebraska is, indeed, proud. •

CRUMBS FOR THE MAJORITY

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I felt like starting these observations by saying three cheers for Mort Zuckerman.

Recently, Mortimer B. Zuckerman, editor-in-chief of U.S. News & World Report, had a superb column called "Crumbs for the Majority", which I ask to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD after my remarks.

He talks about our income disparity, our growing problems with poverty, and the need to do something about it.

He advocates a grant program similar to the old GI bill after World War II.

It is interesting that if you were to add an inflation factor to the average grant made under the GI bill after World War II, it today would average \$9,400 a year. The most anyone can receive today in a grant from the Federal Government is \$2,400, and you have to meet strict standards of poverty to receive that.

Even for a modest program like the Direct Loan Program, we have to struggle to see it survive.

If you were to combine the kind of suggestion that Mort Zuckerman has with a WPA type of program that would say to people: You can stay on welfare 5 weeks, but after that you have to work 4 days a week at minimum wage, as in the old WPA, and the fifth day you should be out trying to find a job in the private sector, we would put to work hundreds of thousands—probably millions—of Americans who are now left out of our process and who can be made productive. The demand for unskilled labor is going down and to talk about welfare